
YOUTH COUNCIL ON WORKFORCE SERVICES

Monday, December 5, 2005

Salt Lake Community College-Skills Center

1575 South State Street, SLC

Monthly Meeting Minutes

11:00 am

Presiding: Paul Jackson, Chair

Present: James Andersen, Betty Barker, Linda Fife, Sandra Hemmert,
Parley Jacobs (for Superintendent Ronnenkamp), David Melville,
Akilah Messado, Kevin Miller (for Mr. Latkiewicz), Roland Oliver,
Sheri VanBibber, Ali Wilkinson

Absent: Don Johnson, Gay Pinnecoose,

Excused: Kay Forbush, Claire Turner, Senator Brent Goodfellow, Jon Pierpont,
Melva Sine

Guests: Jude Schmid-YES

Staff: Amber Adams, Rod Barlow, Steve Leyba, Diane Lovell

1. Welcome & Announcements

Chairman Paul Jackson called the meeting to order at 11:05 am. He began by welcoming everyone and asked for roundtable introductions. He expressed appreciation to Kevin Miller for hosting the meeting and went over the plans for the day's planning session. He provided a brief update on the Regional Council's November 17th Legislative Forum and the November 22nd YES Open House. Mr. Jackson also shared information about the Regional Council Roundtables and the planning underway to sponsor a Career Days event for the automotive services industry. He concluded his opening remarks by relating a challenge from Mayor Seghini of Midvale. Mayor Seghini is excited about what the Youth Council and DWS are doing; however, she is asking for recommendations as to how to increase the involvement of parents from ethnic communities.

Mr. Jackson provided an update from the October 13 Council of Councils and State Youth Council meeting. He referred to page 10 of the "It's About Youth" Newsletter to the article highlighting outstanding youth that included two brothers from Central Region who are involved in the Youth Employability Services (YES) program and the difference the YES Program made in their lives. Mr. Jackson encouraged everyone to read the entire newsletter.

Mr. Jackson also noted that the new State Youth Council Chair is Marie Christman - Deputy Director, Utah Dept. of Human Services. He also reported that the State Youth Council approved the YES Program as the Central Region WIA Youth Services Provider,

effective October 1, 2005. In addition, there was discussion from the other regions regarding the RFP process used in Central Region. Mr. Jackson shared how the process was framed around DOL's new vision and a focus on youth "most in need". He advised members that they might receive telephone calls from the other regions and members may want to obtain more information on Central Region's RFP procedures. Council members who had questions or wanted more specific information were asked to contact Diane Lovell, Steve Leyba or Rod Barlow.

Another item discussed was how Youth Council's can do more for the disabled youth population. Reference was made to the website and the services provided to the targeted youth groups. It was acknowledged that further discussion might be needed on the State level regarding how best to serve youth with disabilities. Mr. Jackson invited anyone who had ideas or thoughts as to how to prioritize and direct these efforts to contact him or Diane Lovell to ensure the discussion is placed on a future agenda.

Discussion followed a question raised by Sandra Hemmert regarding the extent to which girls are encouraged to pursue non-traditional careers. She stated that counselors and parents need to be educated about the benefits of occupations in the automotive services industry and efforts should be made to remove the "stigma" associated with work in this field. Linda Fife added that business has a perception that "troubled kids" are directed to automotive services and this perception needs to be changed.

Paul Jackson closed the discussion by stating that the mission of the Youth Council is "how to make it happen" in Central Region.

Mr. Jackson then extended thanks to Akilah Messado of Weber Basin Job Corps Center, for hosting the excellent Youth Council Retreat. Photos taken during the Retreat were circulated and tee shirts were made available for those who were unable to attend.

2. Approval of August 1, 2005 Minutes

Paul Jackson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Youth Council meeting on August 1, 2005. Sheri VanBibber made the motion and Dave Melville seconded. All voted "Aye". The motion passed.

3. DWS Update

Steve Leyba reported on the following:

- DWS Training Center just completed training 40 new staff.
- Child Care Timeliness is a concern and efforts are underway to address this issue.
- A partnership has been formed with area Adult Education providers to help facilitate referrals to basic education training.
- On December 2nd the Governor has planned an event at DWS to personally acknowledge the efforts made by staff to serve the Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

Paul thanked Mr. Leyba for his remarks. He then highlighted the Regional Council's priority objectives for 2006 – specifically focusing on the Roundtable efforts and the need for the Youth Council's support and involvement. Youth need to be engaged and

the Roundtables (Manufacturing and Automotive Services) were attempting to address the challenge of changing the perception of both industries in order to recruit more youth. The next Roundtable industry will be Construction. More information and how the Youth Council can become involved will be shared and discussed at future meetings.

4. YES Program Update

Rod Barlow reported that the Youth EmployAbility Services (YES) Contract was complete and the operations staff are located at 1385 South State. ES had 493 active youth enrolled, 251 in follow-up and they are currently serving a total of 744 youth. He then shared information about the following:

- TAL Orientations
- Yes Open House

There was no Other or New Business to discuss and no Public Comment offered. Chairman Jackson announced that Lunch and the Special Planning Session would begin immediately. He thanked Kevin Miller and Salt Lake Community College/Skills Center for hosting the meeting. The Youth Council meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Notes:

Following the Planning Session and Committee Reports (attachment to 12/5/05 minutes), a brief discussion ensued regarding legal issues associated with employment of youth under age 18. Jane Broadhead will be asked to forward details to the Council.

Sandra Hemmert also volunteered to demo a web-based tracking program at the next Council Meeting.

It was decided by consensus that the January 23 Youth Council Meeting would be scheduled one hour earlier – at 2:00 pm - and would begin with Committee Meetings.

Kevin Miller offered a tour of the Skills Center to interested members.